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Deadline approaching for \$400,000 in college scholarships

Colorado students must apply by April 4 for chance at college cash

Denver – Colorado students take note: the deadline for \$400,000 in college scholarships from CollegenInvest, Colorado’s not-for-profit higher education financing resource, is just around the corner.

With no GPA requirement or essay to write, applying for one of the 125 scholarships is easy, but the application must be submitted by April 4 – that’s this Friday. Students just fill out a simple online form at collegeninvest.org/scholarships.

“The deadline to apply for the scholarship is quickly approaching,” said Kathryn Powell of CollegenInvest. “Applying for the scholarships couldn’t be easier. There is no long essay to write, no GPA requirement; students can apply online using our quick and easy application.”

Winners will be drawn randomly and announced in May. Students enrolled at Colorado colleges and universities or those planning to enroll in the fall are eligible.

Applicants will have the opportunity to win one of 70 \$1,000 Opportunity Scholarships or 55 \$6,000 Service Scholarships. For both scholarships, students must also complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine scholarship eligibility based on financial need.

The CollegenInvest Opportunity Scholarship is a simple way to get \$1,000 for college. Seventy \$1,000 scholarships will be drawn at random and awarded to undergraduate students who will attend a Colorado college, university or vocational school full-time in the fall of 2008. To be eligible for the CollegenInvest Opportunity Scholarship, students must be a graduating high school senior or a student enrolling in higher education in Colorado as an undergraduate in the 2008-09 academic year.

The \$6,000 CollegenInvest Service Scholarships are a chance to earn college cash while giving back to the community. In order to receive the award, students must attend a Colorado college, university or vocational school as an undergraduate in both the fall of 2008 and 2009, and agree to perform at least 40 hours of community service a year for two years, helping young people in an educational setting.

CollegenInvest has partnered with a variety of volunteer programs including Denver Kids Inc., Colorado I Have A Dream Foundation, I Have A Dream Foundation of Boulder County, College Summit, El Pueblo Boys' & Girls' Ranch, Colorado GEAR Up and the Educational Talent Search. Service scholarship recipients will be asked to work with one of these groups or suggest another volunteer setting or organization in order to complete their commitment.

“April 4th is right around the corner, your chance at a significant amount of college cash could just be a click away,” added Powell.

About CollegenInvest

CollegenInvest is a not-for-profit division of the Colorado Department of Higher Education. Since 1979, CollegenInvest has helped more than half a million families break down the financial barriers to college by providing expert information, simple planning tools, scholarships, college savings plans, and low-cost student and parent loans. For more information, visit www.collegeninvest.org or call 1-800-448-2424 or contact your financial advisor.

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